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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE TO FY 1976 PROSPECTIVE

REF: STATE 82288

1. SUMMARY: MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED PARAGUAY
BY THIRD COUNTRIES DOES NOT COMPETE WITH, COMPLEMENT,
OR INTERFERE WITH US MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
END SUMMARY.

2. PARAGUAY HAS RECEIVED OR IS RECEIVING MILITARY
AID FROM US, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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3. STATISTICAL INFORMATION PRIOR 1971 IS INCOMPLETE.
AFTER 1971 DATA BASED ON HARD INFORMATION IS NOT LOCALLY
AVAILABLE, BUT WE ESTIMATE VALUE OF GRANT DELIVERIES (MILLION
US DOLLARS) 1971 TO PRESENT TO BE:

EINB	71	72	73	74	75
ARGENTINA	NEGLIGIBLE	NEGLIGIBLE	0	.1	NOT AVAIL.
BRAZIL	"	.4	.1	.22	.1
ROC	NA	NA	.4	NA	.02

4. PRINCIPAL GRANT ITEMS IN THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

A. ARGENTINA 1969: SIX (6) C-47 A/C, FIAR TO
GOOD CONDITION; AND TWO (2) T-6 A/C, FAIR CONDITION.
1971: ONE (1) DHC-3 TRANSPORT A/C, FAIR CONDITION;
THREE (3) US M-4 TANKS, POOR CONDITION. 1974: ONE (1)
MUD SCOW (VALUE \$2,000), POOR CONDITION; ARMS SHIPMENT
(VAL. \$100,000) INCLUDING TWO (2) 75MM FIELD PIECES
WITH AMMO PLUS SMALL ARMS/AMMO.

B. BRAZIL. 1950: ONE (1) T-6 TRAINER A/C, GOOD
CONDITION. 1971: FIVE (5) US M-3 TANKS, FAIR CONDITION.
1972: EIGHT (8) T-21 FIKKER TRAINER A/C, GOOD CONDITION.
1973: TWO (2) 157MM MOBILE COAST ARTILERY GUNS,
FAIR CONDITION; FIVE (5) US M-3 TANKS, FAIR CONDITION;
SIX (6) T-6 TRAINER A/C, GOOD CONDITION. 1974: SIX (6)
T-6 TRAINER A/C, GOOD CONDITION; 400 MAUSER 7.62MM
RIFLES AND 200 CAL. 45 SUBMACHINE GUNS. 1975: ONE
(1) MOTORIZED ASPHALT SPREADER; ONE (1) 1/4 TON JEEP-
TYPE VEHICLE, EIGHT (8) SQUAD TENTS; SIX (6) PAIRS OF
BINOCULARS (TOT. VALUE \$37,600).

C. ROC. 1973: \$400,000 WORTH OF UNIDENTIFIED
MILITARY EQUIPMENT. 1975: MILITARY TRAINING (SEE
PARAGRAPH 6 BELOW).

5. PRINCIPAL SALE ITEMS:

A. BRAZIL. 1975: EIGHT (8) T-23 UIRAPUTU LIGHT
TRAINER A/C (\$22,357 EA.) DAO COMMENT: NEW, BUT POOR
QUALITY. PARAGUAY PRIOR TO SALE HAD MADE COMPARATIVE
STUDY OF THREE MODELS OF US-MANUFACTURED CESSNA
AEROBAT AND COMMUTER. ALTHOUGH CESSNAS CHEAPER AND
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BETTER PERFORMANCE RECORD, GOP DECIDED IN FAVOR OF
UIRAPUTU

B. CANADA. 1968: ONE (1) DE HAVILAND DHC-6
TWIN OTTER LIGHT TRANSPORT (\$400,000) FOR PRESIDENTIAL
A/C.

6. OUT OF COUNTRY MILITARY TRAINING. IN PAST PARA-
GUAYANMILITARY HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN ARGENTINA,

BRAZIL, CHILE, FRG, AND PERU. DURING PAST YEAR TRAINING OFFERED ONLY IN BRAZIL (6 STUDENTS OFFICERS), FRG (3 STUDENT OFFICERS), AND ROC (6 GUEST/STUDENT OFFICERS). LAST REPRESENTS ONLY SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENT: ROC NOW OFFERING MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND POLITICAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR TRAINING. (TWO ROC CADETS ARE ALSO CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THIS YEAR'S CLASSES AT PARAGUAYAN MILITARY ACADEMY.)

7. THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY TRAINING MISSIONS IN PARAGUAY. BOTH ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL MAINTAIN SUCH MISSIONS HERE, COMPARABLE IN SIZE TO US MILGP. NO PRECISE PRICE TAGS AVAILABLE. WHEREAS MILGP EMPHASIZES ADVICE TO SENOR PARAGUAYAN MILITARY ON HOW TO MAXIMIZE AVAILABLE US DOLLAR MAP CREDITS, ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN MISSION MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE AS SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS, TECHNICAL SERVICE ADVISORS, AND UNIT ADVISERS. ARGENTINE NAVAL MISSION DOES NOT APPEAR WELL-RECEIVED BY PARAGUAYAN NAVAL OFFICERS, BUT ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN ARMY MISSIONS ARE EFFECTIVE. ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN AIR ATTACHES SERVE AS ONE-MAN TRAINING MISSIONS; BOTH ARE ACTIVE AND WELL-RECEIVED. BRAZIL HAS NO SEPARATE NAVAL MISSION BUT NAVAL ATTACHE PROVIDES ADVICE AND TRAINING ON REQUEST.

8. PARAGUAYANS DO NOT MAKE INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BETWEEN THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE AND THAT PROVIDED BY US OR SEEK TO PLAY OFF THEIR AID AGAINST OURS FOR SEVERAL REASONS:

A. OTHER COUNTRY PROGRAMS ARE MINISCULE IN COMPARISON WITH US.

B. WHEREAS US PROGRAMS ARE AIMED AT "NATION BUILDING", THOSE OF ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL CONSIST OF SECRET

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TOKEN DONATIONS OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (USUALLY IN ONLY FAIR CONDITION) SEEMINGLY DESIGNED TO BALANCE EACH OTHER RATHER THAN COMPETE WITH OR COMPLEMENT US. PURPOSE OF TWO IN-COUNTRY TRAINING MISSION IS SIMILARLY PRIMARILY MOTIVATED BY RIVALRY BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, NOT WITH U.S.

C. PARAGUAYANS HAVE HISTORICAL FEAR AND SUSPICION OF ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, WHOSE MOTIVES ARE ALWAYS SUSPECT, BUT OBVIOUSLY FEEL NO THREAT FROM US, WHOSE AID THEY VIEW AS DISINTERESTED.

9. FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN PARAGUAY ARE THEREFORE IN NO WAY COMPETITIVE WITH US, NOR (BECAUSE OF THEIR MICROSCOPIC SIZE) ARE THEY EVEN

PARTICULARLY COMPLEMENTARY, AND CERTAINLY NOT INIMICAL
TO REALIZATION OF US OBJECTIVES IN EXTENDING MILITARY
GRANT ASSISTANCE TO PARAGUAY. ONLY RARELY, AS IN THE
CASE OF PARAGUAY'S PURCHASE OF LOW-QUALITY BRAZILIAN
UIRAPUTU AIRCRAFT INSTEAD OF CESSNAS (PARA. 5-A ABOVE),
DO OUR INTERESTS HERE COLLIDE WITH THOSE OF THE OTHER
DONOR COUNTRIES.
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